

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Acknowledgement is made of applicants' filing of the instant application as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.1114.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vincent K. Shier on 12/08/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### In the Abstract:

In second paragraph, lines 13-20, Delete [When the preventive or remedy for hypertension according to the present invention is administered, ferulic acid exists in the blood for a long period of time, thereby continuously suppressing a blood pressure rise. Moreover, the hypertension preventive or remedy according to the present invention has reduced in bitterness peculiar to ferulic acid, which enables patients to take it continuously.].

#### In the Claims:

In claim 4, page 2, line 8, delete [a hydroxyl group, or] after "represents".

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In claim 4, page 2, lines 13-19, delete [with the proviso that where R<sup>3</sup> is a hydroxyl group, one of R<sup>1</sup> or R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an aryl group, an alkylaryl group, an aralkyl group or an acyl group, while the other of R<sup>1</sup> or R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an aryl group, an alkyl aryl group, an aralkyl group or an acyl group, and wherein said compound of formula (1) is not ferulic acid] and replace with --wherein said compound is in isolated or purified form--.

Claims 11 and 20-22 and 25-31 are cancelled.

### ***Conclusion***

3. Claims 4, 7, 8 and 13-19 are allowed.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Kwon whose telephone number is (571) 272-0581. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, can be reached on (571) 272-0718. The fax number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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